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SUBJECT: EXCLUSION OF JEWISH CONGRESS FROM ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE

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FROM YOUNG, MOOSE AND EASUM

- 1. WE HAVE READ AND DISCUSSED REFTEL SUNDAY AM. WE ARE HOPING TO MEET WITH HARRIMAN THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION AND THAT OF STATUS OF DRAFT DECLARATION.
- 2. MATTER IS NOW SEVERELY COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM CONFERENCE HAS BEEN WIDELY PUBLICIZED HERE IN LAGOS. IN ADDITION, HARRIMAN CRITICIZED THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY FOR THEIR DECISION TO WITHDRAW. HE CALLED THE ISRAELI ACTION A CALCULATED MANEUVER TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE.
- 3. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE HARRIMAN EXPLAINED AGAIN THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR NOT INVITING THE WCJ, I.E., IT IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE UN AS AN ORGANIZATION PROMINENT IN THE ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIVITY. HE ALSO MENTIONED US PRESSURE ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH WCJ EXCLUSION. WE BELIEVE HARRIMAN WOULD BE FURTHER INHIBITED FROM REVIEWING WCJ QUESTION BY THE FACT THAT FEW PARTICIPANTS IN THIS CONFERENCE WILL SEPARATE WCJ INVITATION FROM ISSUE OF ISRAELI/SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR COLLABORATION. ON THIS LATTER MATTER WE EXPECT HEAVY FLAK.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE DOUBT THAT HARRIMAN OR GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA IS LIKELY TO RECONSIDER ISSUING INVITATION. WE WILL NONETHELESS MAKE POINTS SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENT IN PARA 2 REFTEL, AND HOPE FOR THE BEST. EASUM

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